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Amendment No. 1 to SB0941

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 941*

House Bill No. 1733

by deleting Section 1 of the bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-204, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

49-5-204.

(a) Teachers employed full-time by a board of education in the state of Tennessee shall be eligible to receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on tuition and mandatory fees for one (1) course per term at any state-supported institution of higher education.

(b) Enrollment privileges may be limited or denied by the institution of higher education on an individual basis according to space availability. Enrollment under this section is on a first come, first served basis. No tuition-paying student shall be denied enrollment in a course because of public school teacher enrollment pursuant to this section.

(c) A course taken under this section is governed by the academic rules and regulations of the institution offering the course.

(d) The provisions of this section do not diminish or affect in any way the rights provided to full-time employees of the state university and community college system and the University of Tennessee in § 49-7-116.

(e) The department of education shall administer a program of grants that funds the tuition discounts established by this section. The department shall make tuition discount grants to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis. The availability of tuition discount grants shall be limited each year by the amount of funds specifically

appropriated to the department for this purpose in the general appropriations act.

(f) For purposes of this section, "teacher" means any teacher, principal, supervisor or other individual, required by law to hold a valid license of qualification for employment in the public schools of this state.